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U.S. Department of Energy, Separations Process Research Unit (SPRU), Niskayuna, New York

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U.S. Department of Energy Announces Availability of SPRU Project Draft Remediation Alternatives Evaluation

NISKAYUNA, NY – On May 15 the Department of Energy will initiate a three week public comment period of the “Draft Engineering Evaluation/ Cost Analysis Report.” This report details the alternatives being considered by the Department for remediation of the Separation Process Research Unit (SPRU), located at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory (KAPL) in Niskayuna, NY.

This is the first in a series of opportunities for the public to comment on the Department’s path forward for cleanup of the SPRU. A summary fact sheet has also been prepared to provide information on the alternatives under consideration.

The former research and development facility operated for fewer than three years in the early 1950’s, when KAPL was a general-purpose laboratory for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. Since 2000, SPRU facilities have been largely unused.

Interested citizens can learn more and ask questions at a public meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2006, at the Niskayuna Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. The SPRU Federal Project Director, Steven Feinberg will host the meeting.

The report and other project materials are available at the Niskayuna Branch of the Schenectady County Public Library, 2400 Nott Street East, Niskayuna, New York 12309.

Comments may be submitted by mail to: Mr. Steven Feinberg, Federal Project Director U.S. Department of Energy, SPRU Project Office, 2425 River Road, Niskayuna, NY 12309; or at the public meeting; or by email to Anne.Wickham@emcbc.doe.gov

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